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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

**International-Type Search Report issued in connection with Swedish
Application No. 9904857-1, mailed October 25, 2000:**

U.S. Patent No. 5,644,576, issued July 1, 1997, to Bauchot et al.
PCT Patent Publication No. WO 99/55036, October 28, 1999.
PCT Patent Publication No. WO 97/48200, December 18, 1997.
PCT Patent Publication No. WO 96/21293, July 11, 1996 (Abstract).
PCT Patent Publication No. WO 94/03001, February 3, 1994.
European Patent Publication No. EP0917321, May 19, 1999.
European Patent Publication No. EP0818900, January 14, 1998.
European Patent Publication No. EP0428407, May 22, 1991.

The Examiner's attention is directed to copending application number 09/692,219 naming Allan HANSSON, Ingmar TÖNNBY and Herbert SANDER as inventor(s) and filed on October 20, 2000, and the documents cited therein, a copy of which is enclosed.

[REDACTED] In accordance with MPEP § 609(c)(2) (February 2000, page 600-107), the Office is requested to return a copy of this Information Disclosure Statement with the Examiner's initials adjacent to this paragraph indicating that this copending application has been considered. By citation to the copending application, confidentiality is not waived and the Office is requested to maintain the confidentiality of the copending application under 35 U.S.C. § 122.

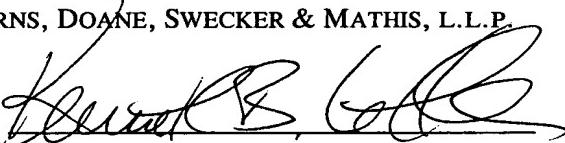
The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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